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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

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Judge Jerold Turner, Presiding, has announced the selection of Mr. Michael Gutstein as the Superior Court Commissioner, East Division of the Superior Court of California. Mr. Gutstein is an experienced litigator most recently having served with Kern County District Attorney's Office since 2001 and with the Kern County Public Defender's Office from 1989 to 2001. Mr. Gutstein was also in private practice specializing in Civil and Family Law from 1986 to 1989.

"Mr. Gutstein brings a wide breadth of experience in criminal and civil matters," said Judge Jerold Turner, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, County of Kern. "This experience, coupled with his demeanor, ensures he will be a great addition to the East Kern Division which handles all types of cases." Mr. Gutstein will be filling a vacancy created with the recent appointment of Commissioner Cory Woodward by Governor Schwarzenegger as Judge of the Superior Court, County of Kern. Mr. Gutstein is anticipated to start his new duties in March.

Mr. Gutstein is a graduate of University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of West Los Angeles School of Law. He was admitted to the California BAR in 1982.

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